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RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF NEUTRALS: A DISCUSSION OF PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES, by Daniel Chancey Brewer. (New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1916, pp. ix, 260.)

This book, composed largely of papers prepared for the *Army and Navy Journal*, contains a succinct and not too technical discussion of the rights and duties of neutrals generally, and of the cardinal points of the controversies in which the United States is engaged with the Allies and the Central Powers. It is highly desirable that these issues be clearly understood and Mr. Brewer's exposition should serve admirably to enlighten the reader who is not versed in the technical rules of international law.

After some general observations touching neutrality and the freedom of the seas, the author takes up the submarine warfare, which, as is to be expected, he considers "a frightful and irrational innovation to the terrors of war." The narrative of the successive English Orders in Council brings out clearly the manner in which they have extended international law and developed new theories of contraband and blockade. The doctrine of contraband is criticised by the author, and while some of his conclusions are to be concurred in, the reasoning leaves something to be desired. The discussion of blockade, although written for the layman, might well be more exhaustive. Concluding chapters of the book consider the questions of un-neutral service, cardinal rights, expressions of opinion (justly critical of President Wilson's appeal for an impartiality of thought), belligerent agents in neutral states, hyphenated citizens, and hostile embargo by a neutral as a means of reprisal.

As is to be expected in a work which attempts no exhaustive discussion and which is written for laymen there are statements which an informed reader may consider too broad and wish to see qualified. This is particularly the case, for example, with Mr. Brewer's references to our Civil War decisions and the doctrine of continuous voyage. There are also some inaccuracies—for example the reference to the British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs as "Earl Grey," but these defects are not sufficiently pronounced to keep the book from being very well adapted for the purpose it is intended to serve.

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BOOKS RECEIVED.

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THE LAW AND THE PRACTICE OF MUNICIPAL HOME RULE, by Howard L. McBain. (New York: Columbia University Press, 1916, pp. xviii, 724).

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